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To whom it may concern:

I am concerned about the proposed settlement in the Microsoft case. After reviewing all of the different things that the company has done and seeing no changes made in the corporate culture at Microsoft I do not consider the settlement being proposed a solution to the problem. Microsoft has been labeled a monopoly that used illegal means to keep themselves in that situation. They have lied, cheated, and stomped out innovation that might have competed with their products based on the merits of the technologies involved every time it suited them to do so. I am writing this because I was informed that you would take into consideration public reaction over the case due to the Tunney Act. Please consider making it illegal for Microsoft to force computer manufacturers to do whatever Microsoft wants for the sole purpose of stamping out any new competition or innovation. I think one of the main reason that the computer industry is stagnating right now is that Microsoft has locked much of the country into its upgrade cycle (and I'm not talking about the Windows XP licensing scheme) and there isn't any reason for people to go out and buy new tech products.

Respectfully,

Ryan Metz

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